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**CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1. 53(b)**

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/189,853, filed on November 10, 1998 entitled "A MULTISTAGE INTERCONNECT NETWORK USES A MASTER PROCESSOR TO PERFORM DYNAMIC CONFIGURATION FOR ALL SWITCH NODES BASED ON A PREDETERMINED TOPOLOGY" by the following inventor(s):

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☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, oath or declaration showing the applicant's signature, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 106 pages of specification, 153 claims, 1 page of abstract, Tables I-V (5 pages), 26 sheets of informal drawings, and 6 pages of oath or declaration.

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
"This application is a Continuation of application Serial No. 09/189,853, filed November 10, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 5,872,904, filed May 24, 1996 and issued Feb. 16, 1999, which is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 5,522,046, filed June 3, 1994 and issued May 28, 1996, which is a continuation of U.S. Pat. No. 5,321,813, filed May 1, 1991, and issued June 14, 1994, which application is incorporated herein by reference."

☒ Cancel original claims 1-153 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Filed" table.

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

Number of Claims Filed	In Excess of:	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Basic Filing Fee				\$710.00
Total Claims				
12	20	0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims				
3	3	0	x \$80.00	= \$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE				\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE				\$710.00

☒ A charge to Deposit Account No. 14-0225 of NCR Corporation in the amount of \$710.00 to cover the Filing Fee.

☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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George H. Gates, Reg. No. 33,500; Victor G. Cooper, Reg. No. 39,641; and Karen S. Canady,  
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☒ Submission of Formal Drawings: 35 sheets.

☒ Address all communications to the Attention of James M. Stover, Esq. as follows:

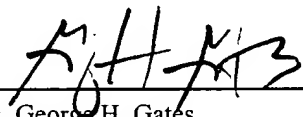
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☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

**Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.**

**Please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 14-0225 of NCR Corporation, the assignee of the present application. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.**

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